

The Cromwell Argus

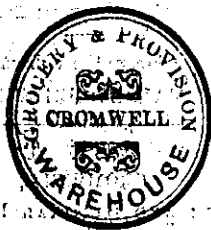
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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Cromwell Advertisements



DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
WHOLESALE
AND
RETAIL
FAMILY GROCERS,
AND
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces
Hacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's
Twist, Old Sport, and Aromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candles of the best brands
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.
Wakatip Oats, Wheat and Chaff
SPIRITS.
Islay Whisky—Arbog's and Long Jones'
Hennessy's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Barnett's Old Tom
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's
CORDIALS.
Ginger Wine, Raspberry-Vinegar, Peppermint, Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.
Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,
HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

IRONMONGERY

Beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting Powder and Fuse; Long and Short handle Shovels; Picks, Pick Handles, and Sluice Forks; Pannikins, Gold Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manila Rope for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and Handles; White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk; Washing-boards; Brushware of every description; Nails; Canvas; Hose Pipes.—Contracts undertaken for supplying Mining Co.'s with Material of all kinds, on liberal terms. Free delivery

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'s
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,
CROMWELL.

SHAMROCK STORE,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY,
FAMILY GROCER,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER,
is carrying on business at the old-established premises, next to the Bank of New South Wales, Melmore-street.

The BEST QUALITY of GOODS only is kept in stock.

All orders will meet with prompt attention

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BELFAST STORE,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE, &c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan District that, in connection with his established business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL, where he will be able to supply the Trade, Runholders, Farmers, and Private Families, with EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTINGHAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident he can sell the cheapest and best article in the District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.

I. WRIGHT,
DRAPER, CLOTHIER, HOSIER,
HABERDASHER, AND
GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

I. WRIGHT is now offering an assortment of NEW and CHEAP GOODS, in

DRESS MATERIALS—Prints, Winceys, Alpaca, all-wool Plaids, French Merinos, &c.
Calicoes, Flannels, Blankets, Quilts
Toilet Covers, Matting and Druggeting
Ladies and Children's Underclothing
BABY LINEN.

Also, a well-selected stock of Women and Children's Boots and Shoes, in leather, kid, and cashmere
Ladies and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed

Ironmongery, Glass, Crockery
Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods
Toys, Jewellery, Cutlery, Stationery
Perfumery, Musical Instruments
Berlin and other Wools
Paperhangings, Brushware
Tobacco and Cigars

and other Goods too numerous to mention.

NEWSAGENT.

JOHN MARSH.

"VALUE FOR MONEY."

BRIDGE HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

STARKEY'S
KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

Having purchased the above well-known hotel, G. M. STARKEY begs to inform his numerous friends, and the public generally, that it will be his study to maintain the high reputation the KAWARAU HOTEL has long since acquired for comfort.

One of Alcock's prize Billiard Tables (quite new.)

Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.

An efficient Groom always in attendance.

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CHEAPEST

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING STORE
—IN CROMWELL.

J. SOLOMON,

THE CHEAP DRAPER,

Has opened out permanently in Cromwell with a large and splendid assortment of
NEW AND FASHIONABLE GOODS,
SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON!

Ladies' Bonnets, Trimmed Hats, Silk Jackets, Lace Goods, Shawls, Dress Materials, Costumes, etc., etc.

NOT TO BE EQUALLED IN PRICE OR STYLE IN CROMWELL!

NO OLD STOCK! ALL PERFECTLY NEW AND SELECTED FROM THE LATEST SHIPMENTS!

J.S. can assure his customers and all intending purchasers they have never had such a choice lot of goods to select from in Cromwell. One trial will convince anyone of the fact.

Men's, Youths', and Boys' Clothing in great variety.

Knickerbocker Suits.
Men's, Youths', and Boys' Straw Hats.
New Stock in Fancy Goods.
New Stock in Boots and Shoes.
New Stock in Crockery and Glassware.
New Stock in Jewellery.

The price of every article will be right, and the goods will positively be sold at a small profit to meet the times.

FRESH STOCK COMING TO HAND REGULARLY.

RECOLLECT—NO HUMBUG!

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING,

under the management of Mrs Solomon.

DON'T FORGET TO COME EARLY AND SEE THE NEW STOCK!

J. SOLOMON.

(Premises lately occupied by Bank of New Zealand.)

INTENSE EXCITEMENT!

GREAT CLEARING SALE
AT W. TALBOYS'

LONDON HOUSE.

DRAPERY, CLOTHING, & BOOTS

CAN NOW BE BOUGHT AT THE ABOVE ESTABLISHMENT AT SUCH VERY LOW PRICES AS TO

EXCITE THE WONDER
OF EVERYONE MAKING A PURCHASE.

Fancy Dresses, 10s 6d, worth 16s
Grenadines, 18s 6d, worth 27s 6d
Figured Lustres, 1s 3d, worth 1s 9d
Brocade do., 1s 6d, worth 2s
French Merinos, 2s 6d, worth 4s

Prints, 6d, worth 9d
Fast colour do., 7d, worth 10d
Hoyle's best do., 8d, worth 1s
Muslins, 7d, worth 11d
Superior do., 9d, worth 1s 3d

Large Stock of WINCEYS and WINCEY SKIRTINGS, from 1s 3d.

Brown Hollands, 10d, worth 1s 3d
Best do., 1s, worth 1s 6d
Diapers, 1s 3d, worth 2s

Calicoes, 6d, worth 8d
Horrocks's, 7d, worth 10d
Best do., 9d, worth 1s

Bargains in FLANNEL, 1s 6d, worth 2s 3d.

COME EARLY AND SEE THE REMNANT TABLE.

MEN'S CLOTHING.

A few Men's Tweed Suits, 35s, worth 50s.

Tweed Suits, 55s, worth 70s
Extra good do., 60s, worth 80s
Silk-mixed do., 67s 6d, worth 85s

Tweed Coats, 15s, worth 20s
Tweed Coats, 20s, worth 27s 6d
Silk-mixed do., 27s 6d, worth 35s

TWEED TROUSERS and VESTS, from 17s 6d, worth 27s 6d.

Tweed Trousers, 12s, worth 17s 6d
Corded do., 14s, worth 20s
Best Corded, 16s 6d, worth 22s 6d

Moles, 7s 6d, worth 8s 6d
Do., 8s 6d, worth 10s 6d
Best do., 9s 6d, worth 11s 6d

Men's FLANNELS, large sizes, 5s 6d.—Knitted DRAWERS, in white and grey, 6s 6d.

CRIMEANS, CRIMEANS, from 5s 6d.

FRENCH FELT HATS, from 4s 6d.

BOOTS! BOOTS! BOOTS!

Ladies' Kid Boots, 8s 6d
Black lasting do., 9s 6d

Men's Kid Boots, 14s 6d
Superior do., 17s 6d

Children's Boots will be sold at COST PRICE

The Watertights and Shooting Boots usually sold at 22s 6d are now reduced to 18s.

All intending purchasers are requested to come early, as the goods are marked at such low prices that they are bound soon to be sold. It is impossible to quote the price of every article, but all goods will be sold for cash at the above uniform reduction.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

Cromwell

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD.
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material
suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the Lowest
Prices compatible with Good Material and
Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may
be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings
Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs
Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters and Miners'
Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope,
SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge.
Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

**GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND
MACHINIST,**

Begs to intimate to his customers and the general public that he has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Melbourne Terrace, where he will carry on every description of Blacksmith work and Farriery as heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public generally that he has gone to the expense of getting a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new principle, being the first introduced up-country, which he will guarantee to give general satisfaction; also, that he has made a reduction in the price of Horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES 12s.
DRAUGHT " 17s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY,

J. SCOTT,
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

JOHN W. THOMPSON,
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH.

J. W. THOMPSON desires to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and the District that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr JAMES SLOAN as Farrier and Blacksmith. His long practical experience in all branches of the business, combined with moderate charges, will, he trusts, secure him a fair share of public patronage.

THOMPSON'S
VETERINARY AND SHOEING FORGE,
CROMWELL.



CROMWELL BUTCHERY
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL).

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

BEef, BY THE QUARTER, 3d per lb.

Cromwell

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, LAWRENCE,

DUNEDIN, and MELBOURNE,

ARE DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

DRAPERY; BOOTS AND SHOES; GROCERIES; WINES, SPIRITS, AND PRO-

VISIONS; IRONMONGERY; CROCKERY; BUILDING MATERIALS OF

ALL DESCRIPTIONS; PAPERHANGINGS, OILS, & PAINTS;

GRINDERY; FURNITURE AND BEDDING; SAD-

DLERY; AND PATENT MEDICINES.

A supply of WHEAT, OATS, BRAN, & POLLARD always on hand.

Being the only authorised agents for

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN'S BRUNSWICK FLOUR MILLS,

LAKE WAKATIPU,

We are prepared to supply their best Silk-dressed Flour, guaranteed equal to Adelaide.

Having opened a branch establishment in Dunedin, solely for the manufacture of

MENS' CLOTHING,

We are in a position to offer to the public a SUPERIOR CLASS OF GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, and our customers may rest assured that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE,
Proprietors.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE are now prepared to supply their unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity.

Orders left with Mr G. W. GOODGER, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

To FARMERS.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE will be purchasers during the forthcoming season of any quantity of GOOD MALTING BARLEY.

GOODGER & KUHTZE.

ARROW FLOUR MILLS.

To Runholders, Storekeepers, Bakers, and others.

Messrs BUTEL BROS. have much pleasure in announcing that they have appointed D. A. JOLLY & Co., of Cromwell, as their agents for the sale of their SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

JOLLY & Co. will be prepared to promptly execute orders within a radius of Sixty Miles.

Flour GUARANTEED.—TERMS LIBERAL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE STREET ... CROMWELL,

Has a large and varied stock of Boots and Shoes on hand, of the best quality.

* An inspection of the stock is invited.

Boots and Shoes made to order in the latest and most approved fashion.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

PRICES MODERATE.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION
AGENT,
ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT,
CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively to these occupations, business entrusted to my care will receive every attention.

Agent for the New Zealand Fire Insurance Company.

D. MACKELLAR,
ACCOUNTANT and

GENERAL AGENT.

Manager of { Star of the East Quartz Mining Company, Registered;
Colleen Bawn Quartz Mining Company, Registered;
Kawarau Bridge Company (Messrs McCormick, Grant, & Richards).

AGENT for { The Norwich Union Fire Insurance Company.

Office: Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Mechanical Drawings furnished.—Specifications prepared

J. C. CHAPPLE,
AUCTIONEER.

Any orders for Sales in the Cromwell District may be left at the Argus Office, and will meet with prompt attention.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date.
I. LOUGHNAN.
Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—27tc

Cromwell

BEFORE purchasing your WATCHES, CLOCKS, and JEWELLERY, call on

E. MURRELL,

and inspect his Choice Stock of the above articles.

As all his Watches and Clocks are TAKEN TO PIECES, CLEANED, and ADJUSTED before they are delivered, Customers may depend on getting an article that will give satisfaction.

All kinds of WATCHES, CLOCKS, and MUSICAL BOXES cleaned and repaired.

Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.

Observe the address:

NEXT MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL.

K. P. REISCH,
CROMWELL.

COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

F. SANSON, SADDLER
AND

HARNESS-MAKER,

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit the public patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

J. B. LAKE,

SURGEON AND PHYSICIAN

May be consulted at his Residence,

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Messrs HAYES & WILLIAMS

Are now prepared to SUPPLY COALS in any quantity.

CROMWELL COALPIT.

CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of Books in every department of literature; and about £40 worth of New Works is expected to arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual Subscription, £1 1s; Half-Yearly, 12s 6d; Quarterly, 7s 6d.

CROMWELL POST OFFICE.

MAILS CLOSE.

For Quartzville, Carrickton, and Nevis, every Sunday, at 9 p.m.

For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

For Dunedin, via Teviot, Tuapeka, and Tokomairiro, every Tuesday, at 3 p.m.

For Kawarau Gorge, Edwards's, Gibbston, Morven Ferry, Arrowtown, Frankton, and Queenstown, every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at 9 p.m.

For Luggate, Bendigo, Alherton, Pembroke, and Cardrona, every Tuesday, at 9 p.m.

For money orders and registered letters, not later than 2 p.m.

MAILS ARRIVE:

From Dunedin, Clyde, and intervening offices, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.

From Dunedin, via Tokomairiro, Tuapeka, and Teviot, every Friday, at 9 a.m.

From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrowtown, Morven Ferry, Gibbston, Edwards's, and Kawarau Gorge, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

From Nevis, Carrickton, and Quartzville, every Tuesday, at 3.30 p.m.

From Cardrona, Alherton, Pembroke, Luggate, and Bendigo, every Thursday, at 3 p.m.

Letters, newspapers, and packets will be re-directed from one post-office to another on the written instructions of the persons addressed, but on re-direction are chargeable with a new and distinct rate of postage, payable on delivery.

DOCK BURN Bannockburn

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Neve).GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSE-
HOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions
kept in Stock.The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from
Dunedin, are retained at the LOWEST POS-
SIBLE PRICES.

N.P.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

**BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.**

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD.
Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN,
NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the
increasing requirements of those districts, he
has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's
Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for
Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

**WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,**
(Late of Logantown),GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS,
Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the
public generally that they have removed to
QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLETT'S Carrick
Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict atten-
tion to business and reasonable charges, to merit
a share of their patronage.**CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.**CHARLES PEAKE,
Proprietor.The Proprietor, having recently purchased the
above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel,
is now in a position to offer first-class accommo-
dation to all who may favour him with their
patronage.The Premises are fitted up and furnished on
the most complete scale, and the arrangements
for the comfort of visitors and travellers are
second to none in the district.COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM,
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tablesAN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE,
with careful groom always in attendance.

183 CHARLES PEAKE.

Albertown

**ALBERT HOTEL,
STORE, & POST-OFFICE,
ALBERT TOWN.**

H. NORMAN

Begs to intimate that he has made very exten-
sive improvements in the above old establish-
ment, and can now offer unrivalled accommo-
dation, both for man and horse.A large stock of GENERAL STORES & DRAPERY
always on hand.Old acquaintances will please remember
that they can still make themselves perfectly at
home atH. NORMAN'S,
ALBERT TOWN.

Luggate

ALBION HOTEL AND STORE

LUGGATE,

23 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to
Lake Wanaka.

H. MAIDMAN, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accom-
modation for the comfort and convenience of
travellers.Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery,
Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at
Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLEING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

Wanaka T O U

WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE.The above hotel, which is delightfully
situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake,
offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker
advantages rarely to be met with.The scenery in the neighbourhood is ex-
ceedingly picturesque; and on an island in
the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.An excellent Four-stalled STABLE, and a
Paddock, for horses.THEODORE RUSSELL,
Proprietor.

Arrowtown

R. PRITCHARD,Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
ARROWTOWN.The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines,
Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district.
A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes,
Drapery, &c.Agent for
T. ROBINSON & Co.,
Agricultural Implement Manufacturers,
Dunedin and Melbourne.

Queenstown

**THE Right Man in the Right Place.**

W. J. BARRY

AT THE

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.The accommodation at the PRINCE OF WALES
is unsurpassed. New rooms have lately been
erected for private families; and visitors may
depend upon every convenience and comfort,
combined with moderate charges.

HOT DRINKS.

Hot Purl; hot spiced Ale and Porter; Coffee
Royal; hot Coffee and Milk. Steamer always
going.PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL.
Corner of Beach and Rees Streets,
QUEENSTOWN.In connection with the above, W. J. BARRY,
Jun., begs to announce that he has taken
THE STABLESin connection with the Hotel, and assures those
who may favour him with their patronage that
horses will be well and properly cared for.

LIVERY: 6s. per night.

English Grass Paddocks for Horses.

W. J. B., jun., has also to announce that on
and after the 20th September, 1873,A TWO and FOUR-HORSE COACH
will run between Queenstown and Arrowtown,
twice a week each way.ROBERT BOYNE,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER
AND NEWS AGENT,
Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu.A large stock of Groceries and other goods
always on hand. Importer of English and Colo-
nial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to,
and newspapers forwarded to any part of the
district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

CARRON TIMBER YARD,
CAMP-STREET ... QUEENSTOWN,
LAKE WAKATIPU.

A. BOYNE,

begs most respectfully to announce to
the inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding
districts that, having made arrangements for a
constant supply of Southland Building Timber
(red and white pine and totara, thoroughly sea-
soned), he is prepared to retail the same at the
following very low scale of prices:—Feather-edged weather-boards, 20s per hun-
dred feet
Scantling—white pine, 20s; red pine, 22s
Sluice-boards—white pine, 25s
Shelving, 22s 6d; dressed, 26s
T & G Lining, 6 x 4, 26s
T & G Flooring, 6 x 1, 26s.A. B. has also for sale a good assortment of
BUILDERS' IRONMONGERY; also, Door Sashes,
American Lining, Shelving, and Turnery.

Oils, Paints, Varnish, &c.

All orders punctually attended to.

CROMWELL ARGUS

PRINTING

THE ART PRESERVATIVE OF ALL ARTS.

CROMWELL ARGUS

General Printing Office,

MELMORE TERRACE.

MATTHEWS & MACKELLAR,

MERCANTILE AND DECORATIVE
PRINTERS,

EXECUTE ORDERS FOR

PRINTING

OF EVERY KIND

In the most modern styles of the Art.

BOOK AND PAMPHLET WORK,

Unsurpassed in the Colony.

PLAIN, ENAMELLED, CARDS, COLORED,
EMBOSSED,

In endless variety of style.

ADMISSION TICKETSFor Balls, Concerts, Lectures, Entertainments,
Soirees, &c. &c.**BALL PROGRAMMES,**

NEWEST STYLES.

Business & Invitation Circulars,

Printed in New and Elegant Type,

ON FINE POST OR FANCY NOTE PAPER.

MINING COMPANIES' SCRIP,

(Superior to Lithographed)

ON FIRST-CLASS LOAN PAPER.

POSTERS,

ANY SIZE,

BLACK OR COLOURED INKS.

ILLUMINATED SHOW-CARDS,

SUPERB DESIGNS,

In Coloured Inks or Gold Bronze.

Receipt and Delivery Books

Neatly printed and strongly bound.

Catalogues, Hand Bills, Programmes

Labels, Memo's, Societies' Rules,

Bags and Wrapping Papers,

Prospectuses, Envelopes,

Ale & Porter Labels,

Circular Labels,

—AND—

EVERY OTHER KIND OF PRINTING.

It is rumored the Hon. Mr Stafford is
coming forward to contest the Superintendency
election in Canterbury.Mr Donald Henderson has been elected,
in the room of Major Richardson, to represent
the Clutha district in the Provincial Council.
The voting was—Henderson, 92; Thomson, 88.A Brisbane telegram says—"Gold is
being obtained at the Palmer in great quantities.
One nugget was found weighing 108 ounces, and
several ranging from 30zs. to 250zs. The popu-
lation on the ground is 500, but no rations are to
be had for love or money. The general health is
good, but horses are much required."At the Auckland Race Meeting, held on
New Year's Day, a serious row occurred over all
the horses entered for the Railway Stakes being
scratched, leaving Papapa to walk over for the
money. Inspector Broham, some police, and
Hardington, clerk of the club, attempted to clear
the course. The latter was dragged from his
horse, the animal rolled over him, and he was
trampled upon by other horsemen in the crowd.
He was picked up insensible. Inspector Broham
was also pulled off his horse. One man has been
apprehended who was supposed to be the ring-
leader. Hardington's jaw was broken, but he is
now recovering.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of the Cromwell
Town Council was held on Thursday evening,
in the Council Chamber. There were pre-
sent: The Mayor (Mr Dawkins), and Coun-
cillors Shanly, Hayes, Pierce, and Jolly.The minutes of last meeting having been
read, were confirmed.The inward and outward correspondence
was read. The outward consisted of a letter
from the Council and the citizens to the
Under-Secretary, in re the appointment of the
Mayor as a Justice of the Peace.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The auditors' report (which is published in
another place) was then read, and received.
It shows a balance in the Bank of New South
Wales to the credit of the Corporation, on
the 2nd January, 1874, of £427 2s. It was
ordered to be printed.

TENDERS.

Tenders were received from Mr R. E.
Dagg, and from Messrs Tronson and Donegan,
for making and laying the boxes and pipes as
ordered lately by the Council. R. E. Dagg's
tender, £59 15s.; Tronson and Donegan, £87
15s. The tender of Mr R. E. Dagg was ac-
cepted.

ACCOUNT.

An account from Mr F. J. Wilson, solici-
tor, was then received, and passed for pay-
ment; amount, £9 9s.The usual vote of thanks to the chair con-
cluded the proceedings.**DUNEDIN NOTES.**

By O. P. Q.

The wreck of the Surat and the subsequent
proceedings in connection with the event have
pretty well engrossed the public attention for
the past fortnight, and are still leading topics
of conversation. The hardship that the pas-
sengers have been subjected to in consequence
of their luggage having been disposed of along
with the vessel and cargo has met with full
sympathy at the hands of the public, and
there is a general feeling expressed that the
purchasers of the wreck would not be doing
more than an act of justice if they consented
to forego all claim to the personal effects of
the immigrants. With the view of effecting
some such arrangement as this, the Surat
Relief Fund Committee yesterday waited
upon Mr Mills, one of the purchasers of the
vessel, and after an interview with that gen-
tleman, he promised to lay aside all luggage
which had arrived with the other goods, and
which had been advertised for sale by auction,
pending some arrangement being made in
connection with the matter. At a meeting of
the Committee yesterday the gratifying an-
nouncement was made by the secretary that
over £650 had been subscribed in the Pro-
vince to the fund for the relief of the suf-
ferers, and that £400 of that sum would be
immediately apportioned to those of the pas-
sengers most urgently requiring assistance.The Presbyterian Synod of Otago and
Southland is again in session, and among the
inauguratory proceedings of the session the
speech of the newly-elected moderator (the
Rev J. M'Naughton) pitches into the people
of the church for not subscribing more
liberally to the Sustentation Fund, mention-
ing the fact that while at home the Fund is
on the increase, the reverse is the case in this
Province, the ministers here being even more
poorly paid than bank and other clerks. It
is considered rather early for the Moderator
to have started on this subject, and among
those who are inclined to cavil at the pro-
clivities of ministers in the direction of mam-
mon, remarks are made as to the want of
taste of Mr M'Naughton in beginning his
Moderator's duties by an appeal to the people
to subscribe more liberally to ministers'
salaries. There is no question, however, I
think, that ministers in the colonies have
only too much reason to complain of the poor
remuneration they receive for their very often
arduous duties. They certainly should be
better paid, and it is not to be wondered at
they every now and again make public com-
plaint on this head.Poverty Bay must be a charming place for
business people if many of them are placed
in the same predicament as the unfortunate
bricklayer whose pathetic appeal is chronicled
in the advertisement which I attach, and
which caught my eye while looking over a
Gisborne paper just now. For the benefit of
your readers I give it as it appears in the
Poverty Bay Herald, and they can form their
own opinion as to the desirability of at once
emigrating to this apparently misnamed place.
Here it is: "Notice to Builders.—As I be-
lieve I shall shortly again be the only Brick-
layer in Gisborne, I beg to give notice that,
being unable to execute all the Orders en-
trusted to me, and to prevent disappoint-
ment, steps should be at once taken to induce
another in the trade to settle in this Town-
ship.—GEORGE CLARK."Many of your readers are doubtless ac-
quainted with Mons. A. Fleury, who for many
years was leader of the orchestra at the
Princess Theatre, Dunedin, and who once or
twice visited your district on professional
duty, and will regret to learn of his present
illness, which has been of long duration, and
has rendered him unable to follow his pro-
fession. The Carandinis, who have concluded
their season at the Queen's, have tendered
him a benefit, which is to take place on Mon-
day next, and will surely attract a most
numerous audience. Much sympathy is felt
for M. Fleury in his painful illness, and the
long term of years during which he assisted
in the amusement of the city are not forgot-
ten by his old friends.

SHARE TRANSFERS.

NOTICE.—Whereas it has been ascertained that in numerous instances transfers of shares in Joint Stock Companies and Mining Companies have not been stamped at the time of the execution thereof, either by the use of paper or parchment previously stamped, or by the affixing and cancellation of an adhesive stamp in the manner by law prescribed, whereby the vendors and purchasers have become liable to a penalty of Fifty Pounds (£50) each, and also chargeable with the payment of five times the duty, and the instrument in all such cases has become wholly void and of no effect whatsoever, either at law or in equity:

And whereas it is necessary that any such neglect or contravention of the law be checked in future:

Notice is hereby given to all Brokers, Mining Agents, and the public generally, that hereafter any vendor or purchaser of any share or shares as aforesaid who shall fail or neglect to affix and cancel an adhesive stamp on the instrument of sale or transfer (where paper previously impressed has not been used), at the time of the execution thereof, shall be liable to prosecution for recovery of the penalties incurred in terms of law; and if any party liable to the payment of such duty as aforesaid shall give information to the Commissioner whereby such penalty and quintuple duty shall be recovered from any other party liable thereto, the party giving the information shall not only be indemnified and discharged of his liability, but rewarded to an extent not exceeding one-half of the penalty or duty recovered; and where any other person shall give information whereby any such penalty or quintuple duty shall be recovered, he shall be rewarded in like manner.

By order of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties.

E. BRANDON.

Office of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties, Wellington, 4th December, 1873.

LAND ON DEFERRED PAYMENTS.

Price, 2s 6d per annum for ten years.

5000 acres Land open for application on deferred payments at WAIPAHEE.

Notice is hereby given, that Sections 30 to 51, 54, and 55, Block VII., Waipahee, and parts of Blocks X. and XIII., same district, unsurveyed (to the west of Block VII.), will be open for sale on deferred payments on and after the 20th January next.

Applications for all the land situated south of the Waipahee River must be made at Dunedin; and for that north of the Waipahee River at Invercargill; and must in each case be accompanied by a deposit of 1s 3d per acre.

The part surveyed is divided into sections of from 60 to 94 acres; the unsurveyed portion may be applied for in sections not exceeding 200 acres.

Purchasers will have to pay valuation for the fencing.

2636 acres Land open for application on deferred payments near TAPANUI.

Notice is hereby given, that Sections 7 to 16, Block II., Glenkenich, are withdrawn from the position of Land open for application under Clause 38, Otago Waste Lands Act, 1872, and that they will, along with Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 61, 62, 63, 64, and 71, Block III., be opened for sale on deferred payments on the 14th January next.

Applications must be made at the District Land Office, Lawrence, and must be accompanied by a deposit of 1s 3d per acre, being the first half-year's occupation fee.

The sections are from 70 to 140 acres each.

Purchasers will have to pay valuation for the fencing.

FOR SALE, at £1 PER ACRE.

IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

5260 acres agricultural Land in GLENKENICH and WAIPAHEE Districts, Run 167A, Conical Hills, on the west bank of the Pomahaka River, near its junction with the Waipahee River.

Notice is hereby given, that about 36 Rural Sections (which will be specified in the Provincial Government Gazette of 10th December, 1873,) in Blocks X. and XII., Glenkenich District, and Block VIII., Waipahee District, will be open for application, at the Land Office, Invercargill, on and after Tuesday, the 20th of January next, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

Deposit, 2s an acre.

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, at noon.

4067 acres agricultural Land in GLENKENICH District, Run 168, near Tapanui, FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Notice is hereby given, that about 55 Rural Sections in Block III., Glenkenich, from 10 to 100 acres each, will be sold by auction, at the District Land Office, Lawrence, on Tuesday, the 10th day of February next, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

Terms: 10 per cent. cash; balance in a month.

J. T. THOMSON, Chief Commissioner.

WANTED, — A first-class GROOM.

Apply immediately.

STARKEY'S KAWARAU HOTEL, Cromwell.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., REGISTERED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Of SHAREHOLDERS in the Carrick Range Water Supply Company, Registered, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, 28th January next ensuing, at 3 p.m.,

To consider and determine the question of borrowing the sum of £4000 from the General Government, under the Regulations made and provided by the "Public Works and Immigration Act 1871," and to authorise all the necessary steps to be taken for procuring such a loan if thought desirable; or to provide other ways and means.

D. MACKELLAR,

Manager.

Cromwell, Dec. 29, 1873.

JULES LA FONTAINE, WHEELWRIGHT,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Is prepared to execute all orders and repairs intrusted to him.

Opposite the Bank of New South Wales.

NOTICE.—Parties indebted to me are hereby requested to SETTLE their accounts IMMEDIATELY, otherwise they will be put into the hands of a solicitor to collect.

JAMES STUART,

Bannockburn.

DUNSTAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

NOTICE.

The late meeting of Subscribers called for the 10th instant having failed to ELECT a SURGEON, another MEETING is summoned for SATURDAY, the 14th February next, for that purpose.

The POLL will be taken at the PUBLIC LIBRARY, Clyde, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

(Signed) JAMES HAZLETT,

President.

Clyde, 10/1/74.

LOST, a Silver Hunting Lever Watch. Maker—Rotherham, London; Number known.

The finder will be rewarded on leaving the same with

Mr E. MURRELL,

Watchmaker.

FOR SALE.

One THIRD SHARE in RACE and CLAIM at KAWARAU GORGE.—Apply to

D. MACKELLAR.

NOTICE.—Having purchased the Book

Debts sold at Mr GEO. MANSON'S sale held at Carrickton on June 11, 1873, I respectfully request that all persons indebted will please pay their separate accounts to Mr GEO. MANSON, of Carrickton, who holds a Power of Attorney from me for the collection of the said Book Debts.

JAMES BOYD.

New Advertisements.

V.

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NOTICE.—The following are the days appointed for holding Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the half-year ending 30th June, 1874, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Gold-fields District:—

CLYDE—every THURSDAY.

CROMWELL—every FRIDAY.

ALEXANDRA—MONDAY, January 5, 19;

February 2, 16;

March 2, 16, 30;

April 13, 27;

May 11, 25;

June 8, 22.

BLACKS—TUESDAY, January 20;

February 17;

March 17;

April 14;

May 12;

June 9.

ROXBURGH—TUESDAY, January 13;

February 10;

March 10;

April 7;

May 5;

June 2.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,

Resident Magistrate and Warden.

AUCTION SALE

—ON—

THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 1874.

THOMAS STANBROOK, instructed by Dr LAKE, who is leaving for Switzers, will sell, at his residence, Murray-street, the whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Kitchen Utensils, &c. &c.

If not previously disposed of.

Together with

THREE SADDLE HORSES;

"Pussy," the well-known hurdle jumping mare, "Gambler," a splendid showy hack, and "Joe," a good serviceable weight-carrying hack, all in tip-top condition.

Recollect time and date of sale, also the fact that no reserve is placed upon any article coming under the hammer.

THOMAS STANBROOK,

DISTRICT AUCTIONEER.

THOMAS STANBROOK, the DISTRICT AUCTIONEER,

Will sell, immediately after the Government Land Sales on THURSDAY, 22nd inst., on behalf of VINCENT PYKE, Esq., M.H.R., that well-known and valuable

CORNER ALLOTMENT,

situate near the Courthouse, Cromwell, being Section 28, of Block III., having frontage to Inniscort and Erris Streets.

The auctioneer, in calling attention to the sale of this valuable property, would suggest, owing to the difficulty in procuring good building sites in this rising town, that intending purchasers should not forget time and date of sale.

THOMAS STANBROOK,

Auctioneer.

CORPORATION OF CROMWELL.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Mayor and Councillors of Cromwell.

Gentlemen,—We beg to inform you that we have completed audit of Corporation accounts to 2nd instant, and have found same correct. Statements of Receipts and Expenditure are as under:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance...	...	79	5	6
Government Subsidy...	...	300	0	0
General Licenses...	...	160	0	0
Night Licenses...	...	35	0	0
Wholesale Licenses...	...	30	0	0
Transfers of Licenses...	...	2	0	0
Billiard Licenses...	...	15	0	0
Dog Tax...	...	9	0	0
Rents...	...	15	0	0
Temporary Licenses...	...	2	0	0
Rates...	...	10	10	8
Carriage Licenses...	...	10	0	0
Deposits...	...	1	5	0
		£659	11	2

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Public Works, £201 2s., less discount, £1 5s. =	199	17	0
Sundries...	...	19	12	2
Petty Cash...	...	13	0	0
Balance in Bank on 2nd inst.	...	427	2	0
		£659	11	2

From above statement, you will see that salaries have not been charged as previously recommended, which we trust will receive attention for the future.

The item £9 for dog taxes appears to us very small, and might be considerably augmented.

Before concluding our report, we have much pleasure in testifying to the very satisfactory manner in which the books of the Corporation have been kept during the last half-year, and should strongly recommend to your Council that the salary of the Town Clerk should be the same as that of previous ones, viz., £35 per annum.

We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

JOHN A. PRESHAW } Auditors.
C. F. JOHNSON }

Cromwell, January 13, 1874.

LOST, a GOLD LOCKET. Supposed to have been dropped between Mr Kidd's Hotel and the Bridge on Sunday evening. The finder will be suitably rewarded on returning it to this office.

HEART OF OAK Q.M. COMPANY, REGISTERED.

The adjourned General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office on MONDAY, 26th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

JAMES MARSHALL, Manager.

COLLEEN BAWN Q.M. COMPANY, REGISTERED.

The General Meeting of Shareholders stands adjourned till THURSDAY, 29th January, at 5 p.m.

D. MACKELLAR, Manager.

BANNOCKBURN WATER RACE COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on MONDAY, 9th February, 1874.

Business:—To appoint Directors and make rules for the Company, &c.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Legal Manager.

TENDERS WANTED for DRIVING a TUNNEL in Claim No. 1 South of Caledonian.

Sealed tenders to be sent to THOMAS SCOTT, Post Office, Carrickton, not later than 7 p.m. on SATURDAY, 24th inst.

Specifications to be seen on the ground.

LUCKNOW QUARTZ MINING CO., LIMITED.

A Third Call of 2s 6d per share has been made, and is payable at the Company's Office on WEDNESDAY, 11th February.

THOMAS BLACK,

Legal Manager.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN Q.M. CO.

TENDERS are required for CARTING 200 tons of Quartz from the above Company's claim to Mr T. Logan's crushing machine.

Tenders to be sent in to the undersigned at Carrickton on or before MONDAY, 26th inst., at 7 p.m.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be held on WEDNESDAY, 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock sharp. Business of importance.

By order of the R.W.M.

HALLIDAY'S, BANNOCKBURN,

—ON—

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23,

AND AT

KIDD'S CONCERT ROOM, CROMWELL,

—ON—

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24.

CLIFTON'S ENTERTAINMENT

will be given as above.

MISS FANNY SARA

MR FRED CLIFTON

MR J. CONNELL

MASTER W. HYDES.

Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8.

Price of admission as before.

MR COWAN,

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR,

AND CONVEYANCER,

CROMWELL.

REV. B. DRAKE will preach as follows on January 25:—

Carrickton, Morning; Bannockburn, Afternoon; Cromwell, Evening.

THE REV. FATHER M'KAY will celebrate MASS on Sunday, 25th inst., in St. John's Church, Cromwell, at 10 o'clock.

BIRTH.

On Saturday, January 17, Mrs D. MACKELLAR of a daughter.

Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1874.

In a late issue of the *Tuapeka Times*, we notice a practical suggestion which we have much pleasure in assisting to give prominence to. The *Times* is referring to the destruction which is often caused to owners of mining property on the banks of the Molyneux by the heavy floods which, from Clyde down to the Beaumont, often sweep away sluice-boxes, water-wheels, and other mining appliances. It says, referring to a recent flood, (and its remarks are so pertinent to the subject that we make no apology for copying them):—"Had the miners in the immediate vicinity of the telegraph stations been made aware of the coming flood, they might have saved much of the property now borne down the river, without hope of recovery. We believe the attention of the Government needs only to be called to the matter to

ensure the reporting of such facts along the line of telegraph as a matter of responsibility somewhere. Let it be with the police, or the officers in charge of the stations at Queenstown and Cromwell, and then some signal might be fixed on whereby all parties might be informed of what is coming. We understand the flood takes about nine hours to come from Cromwell to the Teviot, and a boat that broke away from the punt at Moa Flat took three hours and a half to come down to the Beaumont. There is thus ample time to afford warning of the expected danger to the mining property along the banks of the river. Had the plan we now suggest to the Government been followed years ago, as much money might have been saved as would have built several bridges across the Molyneux."

The suggestion is an excellent one, and we are sure will recommend itself at once to the Government, more especially as it is one which will involve hardly the smallest item of expense. It is also one which the officers connected with the police or telegraph departments will take a pleasure in carrying out thoroughly. To our own knowledge, hundreds of pounds worth of gold have been buried or swept away in the sluice-boxes which contained it by a single flood; and damage has been done to boats and punts and dredges, between the Gorge and Alexandra, which hundreds would not repair, but which a timely knowledge of a heavy thunderstorm in the Wakatip district would have enabled the miners to save or avoid.

A report of Town Council proceedings, and other matters, will be found on our third page.

We notice that Mr Cowan, a member of the New Zealand Bar, has commenced the practice of his profession in Cromwell. Mr Cowan has practised for some years in Australia.

We draw attention to the advertisement of Mr Clifton, stating that he will perform at Bannockburn on Friday evening, in Mr Halliday's, and at Cromwell on Saturday evening.

The secretary of the Athenæum Committee informs us that the site of the Athenæum has been definitely granted by the Government. The Crown Grant awaits the signature of the Governor.

His Honor the Superintendent has appointed Mr A. R. B. Thompson, Inspector of Sheep, Clyde, as Inspector of Gold-fields Denaturing Districts. The appointment is to date from the 1st August last.

Our readers may be reminded that the sale of town sections in Clyde takes place to-morrow at noon. At Cromwell on Thursday, also at noon, the sale of sections in Cromwell, Bendigo, Newcastle, Pembroke, and Gladstone takes place. The sales will be conducted by Mr Thomas Stanbrook, whose offer has been accepted by the Government. Immediately after the land sale, Mr Stanbrook will dispose by auction of several good horses belonging to Dr Lake.

Many complaints have been made to us during the last week that the cemetery fence is in such a disgracefully dilapidated condition that the numerous pigs which roam about the flat find no difficulty in obtaining an entrance to the ground. What follows then we would rather not describe, as we feel sure it only requires to be brought under the notice of the Cemetery Committee to be immediately remedied. We should also suggest to the committee the propriety of engaging a good marksman to shoot down the obnoxious brutes. The way that pig-owners allow their pigs to run about destroying property is getting well nigh intolerable. Sergeant Cassels deserves credit for making an example of one of the offending owners last week; that one a Councillor too,—one of the framers of our bye-laws.

The Cromwell Jockey Club Committee held a meeting on Friday evening last, at which were present: The President (Mr Preshaw), and Messrs Jolly, Starkey, Lake, Heron, and Marsh. After the minutes of previous meetings had been confirmed, the Treasurer (Mr Jolly) read a statement of receipts and expenditure in connection with the last annual Race Meeting, which was read and approved. Accounts to the amount of some £40 were then examined, and passed for payment. A letter was then read from the Secretary (Mr MacNab) resigning his office. The resignation was accepted, and Mr Starkey was appointed interim Secretary, pending the appointment of a permanent one. The sum of £1 19s. was voted to the resigning Secretary for extra services rendered. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer were appointed a sub-committee to negotiate a loan for fencing in the race-course reserve.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by his Honor the Superintendent and one or two other gentlemen, passed through Cromwell on Thursday last about 11 a.m. en route for Queenstown. Official notice of the visit was only given, by telegram from his Honor the Superintendent to the Town Clerk, about an hour previous to its occurrence, so no steps were taken by the Council or by any of the citizens to make any demonstrations of welcome. His Excellency officiated as coachman while passing through, and he appeared to be in a very undecided frame of mind as to whether he should stop at any place or not. Judging from the appearance of our distinguished visitors, after coming up the dusty Dunstan road, half an hour's spell for a bath and refreshment would have been highly acceptable. A good many of the citizens turned out while the vice-regal trap was passing through, but they all evidently laboured under the feeling that they might be guilty of an intrusion if any effort was made to delay the progress of the party on any pretence whatever.

By the Government Gazette, we perceive that tenders are called from parties willing to erect a bridge across the Clutha at the township of Alexandra.

Within the last week or two, Messrs Maidman and Norman, two well-known residents of the Upper Clutha, have returned from their trip to England.

Mr McNulty has begun his contract on the Dunstan road. The road will no doubt be considerably improved when he has it finished. The price, we perceive by the Gazette, is £264.

We understand that Mr G. T. Stephenson intends to put the Caledonian claim into the hands of a Limited Liability company. The prospectus will be published next week. We have a copy of it before us now, but our space forbids any lengthened notice of it. In the meantime, Mr Colclough, acting-secretary for the proposed company, will give full information of the terms. If they are suitable, we have no doubt the shares will all be taken up in the district itself.

We regret very much to notice that we are about to lose the services of Dr Lake, one of our local surgeons. It appears the people of Switzers, from which place the doctor removed to come here, have made a very handsome offer (a guarantee of £400 a year at the least, we understand,) to induce him to return and settle amongst them. The unanimous desire of the Switzers people to get Dr Lake back amongst them is a very high testimonial to that gentleman's abilities in his profession, and must be to him highly gratifying, we should say. Dr Lake has hardly been long enough established here to be thoroughly known throughout the length and breadth of the district, but he will nevertheless take with him the good wishes of a very large circle of friends.

From the *Dunstan Times*, we learn that the following are the nominations for the Dunstan races on February 5 and 6:—Grand Stand Handicap—Hutchinson's Butterfly, Cox's Fenian, Hazlett's Atlas and Brunette; Jockey Club Handicap—Hutchinson's Butterfly and Earl of Lynne, Cox's Boomerang, and Hazlett's Atlas and Brunette; Members' Handicap—Hutchinson's Butterfly and Earl of Lynne, Cox's Fenian, Hazlett's Brunette and Atlas.—The following is a list of the weights already declared:—Grand Stand Handicap: Atlas, 9st 10lb; Brunette, 8st; Butterfly, 7st 12lb; Fenian, 7st 2lb. Members' Handicap: Atlas, 9st 12lb; Brunette, 8st 4lb; Butterfly, 8st 2lb; Fenian, 7st 8lb; Earl of Lynne, 7st 2lb.

One of our Bannockburn correspondents, after giving the results of the annual school meeting and the general meeting of the Miners' Association, says:—"It is very frequently asked here who are the library committee-men, or is there such a body in existence? and if so it is high time for them to give us an account of their stewardship. Three or four years have elapsed without any election or public statement being made by that body. There is another public institution deserves a passing notice,—viz., the post-office. It is time the Government provided a more satisfactory delivery for our letters than the bar of an hotel, where the letter-boxes are within reach of any unscrupulous individual." He also says that the Bannockburn Water Race Company has succeeded in fetching about four sluice-heads of water as far as Smith's gully, where it has been engaged for mining purposes. The water was flowing in for the first time on Saturday. The race itself is absorbing a good deal of the supply yet, but that is only what may be expected for some time to come.

The following letter, addressed to his Honor the Superintendent, has been handed to us for publication. A copy was sent to the Town Council of Cromwell for their remarks thereon:—"Clyde, December 29, 1873.—Sir.—We the undersigned, licensed auctioneers, beg to object to the application of Thomas Stanbrook for an auctioneer's license—said application to be dealt with on January 8, 1874, as per Provincial Government Gazette, No. 886, date December 24, 1873—on the following grounds:—1st. That the said Thomas Stanbrook is in partnership with William Eames, who is the holder of a general publican's license for the Dunstan Hotel, Clyde, and the partnership is intended to be continued, as proved by the attached advertisement, which notifies that the firm of Eames and Stanbrook will conduct a sale in February 1874. 2nd. On the assumption that Messrs Eames and Stanbrook are partners in the hotel, from the fact of Stanbrook serving liquors behind the bar, acting in fact as general barman. 3rd. That Stanbrook applies for an auctioneer's license for Cromwell, whilst he resides at Clyde; he has not nor ever has had any holding at Cromwell. On the above grounds we base our objection.—We have, &c., (signed) GEORGE FACHE, JOHN COLE CHAPMAN."

The annual meeting of the owners of land and householders, for the purpose of electing a School Committee for the ensuing year, took place at the School-house, Bannockburn, on the 12th inst. About thirty persons were present. Mr Hazlett acted as chairman. The Secretary read over the annual report of receipts and expenditure for the year, by which it appeared that the receipts had been £106 6s. 6d., and the expenditure £90, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £17 6s. 6d. The report was received and adopted. The new Committee were then elected by ballot, when the following gentlemen were chosen: Messrs Goldsmith, Behrens, Barnes, Koch, Bennett, McCabe, Moore, Stuart, and Hazlett. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded to the outgoing Committee; and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the general meeting.—A meeting of the new Committee was held immediately after the above. Mr Goldsmith was elected chairman of committee; Mr Bennett, treasurer; and Mr Koch, secretary. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, some routine business was finished, and it was resolved, "That an advertisement be put in the *Witness* and *Gazette* to the following effect: 'Wanted, a daily-qualified teacher for the Bannockburn School. Applications to be sent in to the secretary stating terms, not later than 1st March. Duties to commence on 1st April.' " It was then resolved that the second Monday in the month be the regular meeting night, after which the meeting was concluded.

A person named Henry Callaghan met with an accident at the Wakatip races, whereby his arm was broken. He was, we are informed, the worse of liquor, and had for some time been riding about the course in a careless and reckless fashion.

We learn from the *Southern Mercury* that the Gold-fields M.H.R.'s have transmitted to the Provincial Executive a memo. of "suggestions for transmission of gold to Melbourne for coinage." They suggest that gold receivers should be instructed to receive parcels of gold for transmission to Melbourne; such parcels to have the weight of their contents written thereon by the transmitters; no parcel to contain less than six ounces; the parcels to be transmitted by escort to Dunedin, thence shipped to the Melbourne mint per first steamer, the Provincial Government paying all freight, insurance, and charges, and charging the same to the transmitters; returns to be sent from the mint authorities in the form of a bank draft, if it can be so arranged, and export duty to be collected on the value of the coined gold. These suggestions are only intended to apply in the interim pending the establishment of a branch assay office in Dunedin.

A party, consisting of Mr D. Powell, his son, Captain Hutchison, Mr Wrightson, Mr Henry, and others, had an almost miraculous escape from serious injury on Friday, while driving from Queenstown to the race-course in Mr Powell's trap. About half-way between Queenstown and Frankton, they had to pass a wagon loaded with wool; and at a place where they were going down hill, one side of the road being a steep siding, although there was hardly room,—partly the waggoner's fault, we have heard,—Mr Powell rather incautiously tried to pass. To clear the wagon, one side of the trap gave a lurch, causing Mr Powell's foot to slip off the break, and himself to fall out. He being driving, the reins, of course, got among the horses' feet, and they immediately bolted, Capt. Hutchison being thrown forward on the pole between the horses. Mr Wrightson assisted the gallant gentleman to get back into the trap, and then he, the captain, and Mr Powell's son made their escape by jumping off behind the trap, leaving Mr Henry and Mr Barton in possession of the vehicle. They stuck to it for about a mile and a quarter, when they also made their escape. The horses continued their mad career till they reached Frankton, where they were fortunately secured.

It is currently reported that his Excellency was the victim of a slight misunderstanding on his journey to Queenstown, while the horses were being changed at the Roaring Meg hotel. Sir James, it seems, went by himself, while that operation was being performed, to see the Natural Bridge over the Kawarau, which is one of the sights in the neighbourhood of the Meg. Having seen it, he of course then made the best of his way to the main road to meet the carriage. Its occupants had, however, in the meantime, thinking his Excellency had gone on ahead for a "constitutional," pushed on the harnessing process, and were about five miles further on the road when the conviction forced itself upon their minds that the Governor must be behind them. Mr Inspector Moore accordingly galloped back in hot haste, and, true enough, his Excellency was toiling two or three miles behind, with his coat off and hanging on his arm. It is said, though we cannot vouch for the fact, that he was in a considerable state of wrathful perspiration. Things were soon set straight again, however, when the trap made its appearance to pick up the lost passenger.

The monthly meeting of the Cromwell Athenæum Committee was held on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., in the Town-hall. There were present: Messrs Preshaw (president), MacKellar (vice-president), Jolly (treasurer and secretary), and Colclough, Baird, W. Taylor, Starkey, Johnson, J. Taylor, and Marsh. The correspondence was read and approved of. Mr John M. Kelly's resignation as librarian was received and accepted, and Mr George Jenour was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. Accounts from J. M. Kelly, D. Jolly and Co., and Matthews and MacKellar were passed for payment. A catalogue of books arrived from Britain having been received from the Education Board, Messrs Starkey, Colclough, Preshaw, and MacKellar were appointed a sub-committee to select a list for or-er, to the value of £25. It was also resolved to obtain a suitable seal for the Corporation. The matter of borrowing £500 for the purpose of erecting a hall was then considered. It was reported by the president that he had an offer of £500 from Mr J. Richards, for five years, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, on condition that the repayment of the sum was secured in the usual way. It was unanimously agreed to accept Mr Richards's offer. The secretary was instructed to write the Government in re the subsidy of £150, and also in re the section for a site. After some other business of no great importance, the meeting was concluded.

A good story is told of an incident which happened in the course of a certain worthy District Engineer's visits of inspection on the district roads. After passing through Blanktown, he came upon one of the roadmen doing the "Government stroke" right "up to the handle"—that is, quietly sitting by the roadside doing a smoke. "Fine day," said the Engineer. "Lovely day it is," was the courteous reply. "You are taking it rather easy, are you not?" asked the Engineer. "Not an (adjective) bit," replied the other; "eight hob a day won't run much more than I have done this morning already." "But ain't you afraid F—s might be coming round sometime or other; he would hardly like this way of doing things." "F—s! why the (strong noun) hasn't been this way for more than a week; at least, so my (adjective) mate (pointing a mile or two further ahead) says." "Oh, then you have n't been long on the job, and don't know F—s?" "Not I; never saw the (another strong noun)." "Oh! (from the D.E.); well, so long!" and off he rode. Report says that the District Engineer would not lose that man's services for a great deal, but he has shifted him to a place where he is under the constant eye of one of his most vigilant and exacting overseers. Report further says the man will know the (strong noun) F—s whenever an i wherever he meets him in future. The moral of course is that all good roadmen should be personally acquainted with their District Engineer.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN.

TUESDAY, 9 a.m.

The University Committee of the Presbyterian Synod have decided to recommend that body to proceed at once with the erection of a Theological Hall.

The managers of the various newspapers in Dunedin have agreed to raise the price paid to compositors one penny per 1000.

Acceptances for the Dunedin Cup close on Thursday next at 8 p.m.

At the inquest on the body of William Kennedy, killed by a fall of earth at the railway cutting, Caversham, an open verdict was returned.

Captain Hutton, the Provincial Geologist, has just returned to town from Hamiltons, and confirms report as to the large quantity of moa bones found there. He estimates there are about five or six waggon-loads in the swamp where the bones were discovered. They will be brought to town.

The Surat enquiry has concluded, and the Bench will give decision to-day at four o'clock.

Mr Hill, Collector of Customs, yesterday had a testimonial and a purse of 100 sovereigns presented to him, previous to his departure for Auckland.

CLYDE.

TUESDAY, 9 a.m.

Lundman, charged with stealing gold watch and chain, and two ten, two five, and five one pound notes at Cromwell, was brought up here yesterday.

The property was found on prisoner, and was identified by the prosecutor, he having taken the numbers of the notes and watch a week previous to the robbery.

The prisoner was committed for trial.

QUARTZ MINING MEMORANDA.

[As work has now been fairly resumed after the holidays on the various reef claims throughout the district, our readers will expect the mining memoranda column to be resumed. We therefore ask the attention of mining managers and owners of claims to the matter.]

CARRICK RANGE.

HEART OF OAK.—The manager reports that he is still driving on the line of reef, but it has not made into any stone as yet. He has driven about seventy feet from where the reef gave out. At that place it seemed to split in two; one thin vein of quartz ran into hard country, the other was softer, and on this he has been driving. Not having found anything on this line, he intends, after driving a few feet farther, to put a drive across to the other, which, at the angle they seemed to run at when they divided, would not be above twelve or fifteen feet distant.

STAR OF THE EAST.—The contractors for the tunnel are now about completing their contract. Considering the nature of the ground they have had, great praise must be accorded to them for their perseverance in carrying it out, as for the last two months the character of the rock has been such that the most they could do was about four feet a week. The manager has this week found the reef on the surface at the south end of the claim. No stone had been found here before. The reef appears to be about two feet thick, with fair prospects; but until it is farther opened up, he can hardly give an opinion on it. He has also found, in sinking from the old tunnel, a fine body of stone about five feet thick, with good payable prospects. This is believed to be a continuation of the cross reef he had in the tunnel, but which had broken up. It will be difficult to work this until the lower tunnel is got in, as the stuff has all to be pulled up, and filled twice, which takes a deal of extra labour; but when this very desirable end is accomplished, the prospects of this company seem very flattering.

KOHINOOR COMPANY, Pipeclay Gully.—This claim, which was prospected for some time a few months ago, but lately has not had much done to it, has again been tried, and this time with success. This week a reef was found, quite two feet thick of good solid stone, with what may be called rich prospects, half a pennyweight to the dish being commonly got. The stone before prospected ran very flat, and a tunnel was put in some distance, but nothing was found. This new discovery seems to be a distinct thing, as the reef goes down nearly perpendicular, and the prospects are very much better. The shareholders are very sanguine that they have got on a good thing.

ROYAL STANDARD.—There seems a chance of this line getting another trial. Mr T. Hall, who has been continuously prospecting about the old reef, has succeeded in striking a well-defined leader, from six inches to a foot in thickness, higher up the hill than the old working. It carried gold at the rate of about two ounces to the ton. Another claim has been pegged off adjoining, by a party who intend to give it a fair trial. This is a favourite line with a great many, who believe that the main reef has never been struck yet; and as all the stone that has been crushed from it has been very good, there is no doubt, could anything permanent be found, it would well repay the time and outlay in looking for it.

The inquiry into the wreck of the *Surat* is still dragging its weary length along. Nothing of any great interest has yet been or is likely to be elicited, beyond those particulars already published. The witnesses appear to be tolerably unanimous on the subject of the incapability of the chief officers of the vessel during the affair.

LAKE DISTRICT RACES.

NOTES BY A CROMWELL VISITOR.

Queenstown was hardly so crowded on the occasion of the annual races as it was at several previous meetings. This may possibly be accounted for on account of the accommodation which is procurable among the settlers, who are becoming more and more numerous every year in the neighbourhood. There was a good gathering, however, with people from our own and other districts. The Cromwell auctioneer was there, I saw, and he succeeded in getting off a good few Calcuttas, although the money hardly appeared so plentiful as I have often before seen it. Amongst other things for the amusement of the people, there were performances by the Ixion troupe, who were lately performing in Cromwell, and by the Clifton troupe. There was also a billiard-match between Weston, the champion, and Mr Powell, a well-known local player. Mr Weston gave Mr Powell 350 points out of 700, and failed to catch him with that handicap, as Mr Powell won by about half of the points conceded. Mr Powell made breaks of from 15 to 35 during the game. The champion did not appear to be up to his usual form. The betting fraternity were present in goodly numbers, but business in their line in the town was very dull. In the Maiden Plate, Misty Morn had the call, the only other mentioned being Little Hawea. In the Grand Stand Handicap, Taffrail was supported for a large amount, and ugly rumours prevailed on the course in consequence.

The Jockey Club have fenced in the race-course reserve, and rented it to some person or other. He charged 2s. 6d. admission to all horsemen, and a corresponding amount, I suppose, to foot and carriage passengers. The lessee must have done very well indeed by his bargain, as the attendance on both days was very good. The Club has also built an excellent Stand. It is a commodious structure, with good dining, bar, Stewards', and jockeys' rooms. Our old friend, Mr Barry, was the purchaser of the Grand Stand on this occasion, and as there were merry times at the bar on both days, the speculation must have been remunerative. The catering as regards both eatables and drinkables could not well have been surpassed.

His Excellency the Governor arrived on the course about one o'clock on the second day, and met with a hearty reception, to which he responded in his usual courteous and expressive manner,—by gently removing and then replacing his white hat. Many enquiries were made as to a gentlemanly-looking young man, an occupant of the carriage: many asserting it was the equerry; others, that it was some swell, a personal friend of the Governor, holding an estate adjacent to his in the old country. But all gossip ceased when Sir James left his vehicle for a stroll, and a friend stepped forward and shook the stranger by the hand, who turned out to be Mr Carmichael, Cobb and Co.'s well-known and trusted driver.

The appearance of the crops, which are looking splendid, and the beautiful nature of the scenery round the race-course generally, added not a little to the enjoyment of the races. It was (for the Lake district) inclined to be a little dusty, but nothing like what can be witnessed on the Cromwell or Dunstan flats on divers occasions.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 25 sovs. One mile and a half. Weight for age.

Little Hawea ... 1
Of this race, the less said the better for racing morality. Little Hawea could not be kept back, and consequently won under great apparent disadvantages. The general public were enthusiastic at his victory. Misty Morn, the great "pot," finished in a manner that shows her incapable of winning against ordinary hacks.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP, of 50 sovs., and a sweep of 3 sovs. each, to go to second horse. Two miles.

Tamburini ... 1
Taffrail ... 2
Malabar ... 3

HACK SELLING RACE, of 20 sovs. Heats, once round the course.

Port Philip Buck ... 1

WAKATIP HANDICAP, of 25 sovs. Open to district horses only. Two miles.

Swaggerer ... 1
Misty Morn ... 2

FRANKTON HANDICAP, of 35 sovs. One mile and a half.

Sir Tatton ... 1
Brunette ... 2

As anticipated by the friends of Brunette, she failed to carry the weight to the front, and was beaten after a good race by the veteran Sir Tatton.

SECOND DAY.

WAKATIP DERBY, of 40 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half.

The Maid ... 1
The Maid won in a canter.

HACK HURDLE RACE, of 25 sovs. One and a half mile heats. Over five flights of hurdles. No less weight than 10st.

Nigger ... 1
Nigger won both heats easily. Dr Black came in dead lame. It is a great pity some admirer of the turf does not purchase these two veterans and pension them off, placing them in some good paddock for the rest of their short lives. The winner is about 22 years old; while the age of Dr Black is unknown, but he is supposed to have arrived shortly after the visit of Captain Cook.

LAKE DISTRICT HANDICAP, of 80 sovs. Distance, two miles.

Malabar ... 1
Tamburini ... 2

Malabar, with his light weight, won from

start to finish. Tamburini struggled through with his 10st 3lb, but could not come up, the young monkey on Malabar peckoning O'Brien to come on, a request Dan would no doubt have been glad to comply with.

LADIES' PURSE, of 25 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half. Welter weights for age. Gentlemen riders.

Sir Tatton ... 1
Malabar ... 2

Sir Tatton beat Malabar easily, the latter being evidently spent from his efforts in the handicap immediately preceding.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP.

Taffrail ... 1
Brunette ... 2

Brunette was a great favourite, two to one being offered on her. The weight, however, seemed to suit Taffrail, who landed her friends' money in fine style.

BANNOCKBURN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

To all appearance another combination has sprung into existence, in the shape of a rise in the price of beef. This district has now to pay an advance of one penny per pound on the late price of that article of consumption. With a reduction in the price of gold and an increase in the price of meat occurring at the same time almost, it is no wonder that the miners of this district should consider themselves a much-enduring, much-oppressed class of persons. That "misfortunes do not come singly," is a saying that this mining community will just now, undoubtedly, bitterly appreciate. There is no want of occupation for our Miners' Association at the present time.

BANNOCKBURN AND CARRICK RANGE MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

Considering the important object for which a general meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday evening last,—viz., that of the election of officers for the ensuing year, and enrolment of members, there was not so large an attendance at the Bannockburn schoolhouse as might have been expected. There was no lack of interest, however, apparent on the part of those assembled on that occasion touching the business on hand.

Mr Smiddy, the Vice-President, occupied the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs Aitchison and Koch, the Secretary and Treasurer respectively, tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

The books of the Treasurer and Secretary were then audited, and found to be correct.

The balance-sheet of the Association was also read to the meeting, and duly adopted.

The following office-bearers and committee-men were then appointed:—Mr Joseph Moore (President), Mr J. P. Smiddy (Vice-President), Mr Joseph Berry (Secretary), and Mr Thomas Hazlett (Treasurer); Messrs Humphreys, McCabe, and Crombie being elected members of committee, in the room of those retiring.

A vote of thanks to the retiring committee, proposed by Mr Hazlett and seconded by Mr Bruce, was then carried by acclamation; and after a similar form of congratulation had been bestowed upon the chairman, the evening's proceedings were brought to a close.

DUNSTAN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 17, 1874.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

It was pretty generally known, though I believe no official information had been received before I may say the last minute, that the Governor was intending to pass the night of Wednesday in Clyde. From an early hour the town was being decorated in holiday rig; flags of all shades and colours were flying from every house. But as the day wore on, and still no tidings, it began to be thought there was a mistake. However, about four o'clock, the wires gave information that about nine o'clock we might expect to see his Excellency, his aide-de-camp, and his Honor the Superintendent, and that they intended to pass the night in Clyde. Accordingly, shortly before the time stated, the party, drawn by four greys, drove up in front of the Dunstan Hotel. They were received by the Mayor and Councillors, our M.P.C., with the Brass Band in attendance, and a large number of citizens and others as spectators. Some formal introductions were exchanged, and a little common-place talk: the Governor remarking that some portions of the road were rather rough, but he had a good bush carriage; that they were not unlike some of the roads in South Australia; supposed we were all hard-working people here, and hoped we would be successful. The band struck up "God save the Queen," which was reverently listened to. The party then returned into the hotel for a few minutes, after which they proceeded to the Town-hall, where the Town-clerk, surrounded by the Mayor and Councillors, and a large number of others, read a short address. The purport was, according to his Excellency, as the representative of her Majesty, a cordial and hearty welcome to Clyde. His Excellency shortly replied. He thanked the Mayor and Councillors for the welcome he had received; said he had hoped to spend a greater number of hours in the town than he would now be able to do, the extreme wetness of the weather where he stayed last having delayed him; hoped in the course of the years he would have to stay in New Zealand to again visit us; was now making a hurried tour, as he wished to see as much of the country as possible before next sitting of parliament; hoped we were a prosperous community, and that when gold-seeking be-

came less remunerative, other industries would spring up which would be still more payable. After three hearty cheers for his Excellency, and three more for his Honor the Superintendent, the trio left the hall, to partake of a private dinner at the hotel. The band in the meantime had stationed themselves on each side of the entrance to the hall, and struck up a lively air, which they executed in a masterly manner. After a few more tunes in front of the hotel, they betook themselves to the Town-hall, it being the night of their usual fortnightly dance. Later in the evening, his Honor and Captain Fergusson paid another visit to the hall for a few minutes; but neither the charms of the ladies nor of the music could induce them to join in the dance. Shortly after nine next morning, they were again en route, and, by what I have heard, made hot haste to the upper districts. And so ended the last visit of her Majesty's representative, a visit which on account of its haste can be of little service to Governor or people. One practical lesson may be gathered, which it may be wise to act on in future,—viz., that the representatives of her Majesty, from the Governor downwards, be allowed to travel the country like other people, and that all the hollow bunkum of formal welcomes, flying flags, decorated arches, and the other loyal demonstrations usually indulged in on such occasions, be omitted.

A telegram in a Dunedin paper states that Mr M'Donnell, of Roxburgh, presented his Excellency with a green silk umbrella, and his Honor the Superintendent with a walking stick. No such mark of esteem and loyalty was shown by any one in this part. The only gift I have heard of on the occasion was that of his Excellency to the stable-groom, which consisted of a piece of silver plate bearing her Majesty's arms and inscription, of the aggregate value of two and a half shillings sterling,—or in modern language half-a-crown. Its owner, I hear, intends to preserve it sacredly, and hand it down to posterity as an heirloom of the family.

NEVIS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

January 9, 1874.

Supposing that you take some interest in our proceedings generally at the Nevis, probably you will not take amiss my troubling you with a very slight description of our little amusements during the holidays: I say little amusements, as what I take to be the principal sporting event of every colonial community is their horse-racing, which we happily have in reserve for St. Patrick's Day.

Separately, the events may be looked upon as small, but for number and variety I will back our programme against any other.

As a good preparation, on Christmas Day the host of the Shamrock kept open house; and that no time might be lost in commencing the sports next day, the majority of the inhabitants did not go home till morning, nor even then.

The sports commenced early with some half-dozen foot-races, followed by quoit matches, on which a considerable sum of money changed hands. In the foot-races, Mr Edward Thompson surprised some of the youngsters. I believe he can run any man of his age in the Colony. Jumping succeeded, after which bell-ringing, and as I consider the locality opposite the township superior for this sport to those available generally, I am tempted to give you a description of it. The superiority of the locality consists in its being a continuation of diggers' holes, amongst which the fortunate holder of the bell took refuge, being chased in full cry by the closely blindfolded competitors, each endeavouring to be the first to touch him, and thereby win the race. You may imagine the number of disasters which occurred to the runners, when I say that not one half of them were aware that they were amongst the holes until they got into them. The larger the number of such disasters the greater the amusement to onlookers, as fortunately there was no fear of accidents on account of depth; but the holes were wet and very sludgy.

Several other sports took place, winding up with billiard matches, which continued for three days. In fact, continual repetitions of the sports occurred up till New Year's Day, when, on account of new blood, a fresh spurt took place, and continued a few days longer.

Work is now generally resumed. The contractors are working energetically on the track to Mr Masters', and persons having business in that direction will soon have a good road right through.

Everything is done by water in Dunedin; the printing machines, the lifts in warehouses, and nearly every class of machinery is worked by this useful agent. The pressure is so great that fire engines are unnecessary, a reel of hose being all that is required, secured to the nearest turn-cock.

The inhabitants of the Cromwell district are sometimes puzzled to know which is the best and cheapest establishment to purchase their supplies of drapery and clothing at. They should no longer remain in doubt on that score. If they will only pay one visit to W. TALBOYS' London House, they will discover for themselves that it is not only the cheapest but the best store at which to deal for these articles. Mr Talboys has made arrangements to import his stock direct from the Home markets, and the public can rest assured that everything will be sold by him at an advance only sufficient to repay the original cost, and return a fair percentage on the outlay. Every article in Mr Talboys' establishment is marked in plain figures, from which no abatement is ever made. A fuller description of the stock will be found in advertisement in another column.—[ADVT.]

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1874.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., R.M.)

POLICE v. OWEN PIERCE, for allowing pigs to stray through the township, and cause a nuisance. Defendant was fined 12s.; being at the rate of 1s. per head for the pigs, and costs of Court.

C. COLCLOUGH v. GEORGE CLARK.—Claim, £20; dishonoured acceptance. Judgment for £20, and costs.

JOHN B. LAKE v. J. MARSHALL.—Claim, £58s. 6d. Judgment for defendant.

SAME v. JOHN WILSON.—Claim, £39s. Judgment by default.

WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Protection.—Thomas Scott and five others, for 60 days for quartz claim at Carrick: granted.—Peter Knudson and five others, 60 days for claim adjoining above: granted.—John Simmons and five others, same as foregoing: granted.

Extended Claims.—William Masters, one acre near Whitten's creek, Nevis: granted.—William Miller, one acre near Luggate creek: granted.—William Dickey, one acre adjoining above: granted.—Stephen Fuller, one acre in Boggy gully: granted.

Tail Race.—William Masters, 300 yards long from claim on Nevis river: granted.

Water Race.—Daniel Moore, one sluice-head from a gully south of Nevis road. This was adjourned from last Court-day, there being no appearance of applicant. The same thing being again repeated, the application was refused.

Gold Mining Leases.—The application of the Premier company, and Messrs Hazlett and Co., for ten acres each at the Bannockburn, were refused.

INQUEST AT TEVIOT.

On the 17th December last an inquest was held at the Coal Creek Hotel, Teviot, before W. L. Simpson, R.M. and Coroner, and a jury, upon the body of Agnes Smith, who died in child-bed. The inquest was held at the desire of the husband of deceased, and of one of the surgeons who attended her. From the evidence given at the inquest, it would appear that Gideon Smith, deceased's husband, called the assistance of one or two of the neighbouring females, and also of Dr Honeywill. After Dr Honeywill had been in the house for about three hours, Mr Smith, doubting his skill in dealing with the case, and at the solicitation of several of the females present, proceeded to the Dunstan (over thirty miles' distance) for the assistance of Dr Thomson. That gentleman, it appears, came as soon as it was possible, and twenty minutes after his arrival succeeded in delivering the deceased. In giving evidence, Dr Thomson was of opinion that it was a difficult case for unskilled persons to undertake, but not otherwise, and expressed surprise that any surgeon should have left the patient in such a state. If proper treatment had been used the patient would not have been so much exhausted. From inquiries made by him, it appeared that the patient had been suffering from the previous evening. He visited the woman more than once, but she never rallied from the exhausted state he had found her in. Dr Stirling also gave evidence. He had made a post mortem examination, during which he discovered serious internal injuries, which might have been caused naturally, but he thought more likely were caused by improper treatment, and by using undue violence. Dr Honeywill stated in his evidence that he thought it was likely the injuries were caused by improper treatment, but that such treatment, if any, had been applied before he was called at all. He also said he left the patient, and advised Mr Smith to get other medical assistance, because he (Honeywill) was interfered with by the women who were present. The evidence of several of the females who were present was also taken, and it was strongly against Dr Honeywill. The jury returned the following verdict:—"That Agnes Smith, on the 15th day of December, 1873, at Coal Creek, Mount Benger, came to her death by injuries received while in child-labour, which injuries the jurors are of opinion were produced by the unskilful, careless, and reckless treatment of Dr Thomas William Quelch Honeywill, who deposes he is a member of the College of Surgeons, London, and of the Apothecaries' Company; that during the night of the 10th, and the morning of the 11th December, 1873, the said Thomas William Quelch Honeywill feloniously and unlawfully did kill and slay the same Agnes Smith." Honeywill was accordingly arrested on the coroner's warrant, and committed for trial at the next sittings of the Supreme Court, to be holden at Dunedin. Bail was applied for, and allowed in his own recognisance of £200, and two sureties of £200 each.

Arrowtown has been gazetted a municipality.

Subscriptions have been received to the Surat Relief Fund from the country as follows:—Cromwell, £10; Alexandra, £13; do., second subscription, £1 10s.; Tokomairiro, £30; do., second subscription, £10 14s.; Mount Ida, £24 1s.; Dunstan, £11 9s.; Clutha Ferry, £7 10s. 6d.; do., Dramatic Club, £2; Queenstown, £10 10s.; Timaru, £12 5s.; Roxburgh, £2 6s. 6d.; Riverton, £8. The small amount from Cromwell is hardly creditable to the district.

Mining Life in California.

Adelphi has recently published in London entitled, "Life amongst the Modocs," which contains some interesting statements respecting life in the early mining settlements in California. From a review of the work in the *Saturday Review*, we make the following extracts:—

"The principal saloon of The Forks was the Howlin' Wilderness, an enormous pine-log cabin with earth floor and enormous fireplace. All the important fights took place here, and if you wanted to be well up in the news, or to see the Saturday evening entertainment, you had to have some regard for the Howlin' Wilderness. The proprietors, who stood behind the bar, had bags of sand laid up in a bullet-proof wall behind the counter, between them and the crowd, so that when the shooting set in, and men threw themselves on the floor, fled through the door, or barricaded their breasts with monte-tables and wooden benches, they had only to drop down behind the bags of sand, and lie there, pistols in hand, till the affair was over. These men were wisely silent and impartial in all misunderstandings that arose. They always seemed to try to quell a trouble and prevent a fight, and perhaps they did so. When the battles were over, they were the first to take up the wounded, and do what they could for the dying and the dead. There was a great punchon, hewn from sugar pine, that had once been a monte-table, back on the outside by the chimney. Many bodies had been laid out in the course of the year to stiffen on this board. Nothing draws like a bar-room fight in California. I have known miners standing on their good behaviour, who resisted the temptation of hurdy-gurdy benches, bull-fights, and bull and bear encounters, who always wrote home on Sundays, read old letters, and said the Lord's Prayer; but I never yet knew one who could help going to see the dead man or the scene of the six-shooter war-dance whenever the shots were heard." Mr Miller professes to have lived among the Modocs, and has certainly studied society in the mines. The respect—slight perhaps, but evident—which the miner pays to Sunday is universal both in California and Australia. It is almost all the visible religion that is found at early settlements. The race for gold leaves all churches behind; but missionaries of the more active sects soon appear upon the scene. But at the The Forks, in that dreary winter, there were neither women nor ministers to mitigate the hardness of the miners. There was a tall man, a sort of half sportsman and half miner, who had a cabin close to town, and who seemed to take a special interest in these battles. He was known as 'Long Dan,' always carried a pistol, and took a pride in getting into trouble. A gambler called from his grand look and manner, 'The Prince,' warned him that he would die with his boots on. 'Now, see if you don't; if you keep on slinging your six-shooter round loose in this sort of way, you will go up the flume as slick as salmon—die with your boots on before you know it.' Dan smiled blandly, as he tapped his ivory pistol-butt, and said, 'Bet you cigars I don't! Whenever my man comes to the centre I will call him; see if I don't, and get away with it too.' The metaphor here used by Dan is taken from the game of poker, in which miners delight to get rid of their gold. Soon after this conversation pistol shots were heard at the Howlin' Wilderness, and Prince rushing thither, learned that 'It was Long Dan.' As a friend and neighbour of the wounded man, room was made for him at the monte-table, and Dan whispered to him a request to take off his boots. The Prince hastened to comply, and again Dan whispered to him, 'Prince, Prince, old boy, I've won the cigars; I've won them by the holy poker.' And so he died. Many stories similar to this are told, and it has been seen in other countries besides California that the habitual current of thought can hardly be turned by the close approach of death. There is a remarkable account in this book of the hanging of two gold robbers, English and Scott, by a Vigilance Committee. They were given ten minutes to prepare for death. At the end of that time the only rope the Vigilants had was thrown over a beam, and they approached Scott, who was on his knees. 'No, no,' cried English, 'hang me first, and let him pray.' They left Scott, fastened the rope round the neck of English, and mounted him on a keg. Then English turned to Scott, and said, 'Scottie, pray for me a little, can't you? Damn'd if I can pray! Then he laughed a low strange chuckle, and they kicked away the keg. Scott pleaded hard for his life, but finding the Vigilants inexorable, he took off his necktie, strung his finger rings on it, and, saying, 'Send these to my wife,' submitted to his fate. When the winter was past, and the tracks open, civilisation presented itself at The Forks in the shape of a judge in a big 'atove-pipe' hat. Miners will allow nobody to wear a beaver hat or be called by his right name. But a big man took the little judge under his protection, saying, 'It's all right, boys. He shall wear a hat as tall as Shasta if he likes, and let me set eyes on the shyster that interferes. It's a poor camp that can't afford one gentleman anyhow.' The big man proceeded further to explain that he was ready 'to chew up and spit out' the first man who raised his voice against the judge and his beaver hat. It was suggested that, as they had got a judge, they might as well put him to work, so he appeared as prosecutor of a man, called from his likeness to one of the suits at cards, 'Spades,' who had undoubtedly murdered two or three Indian children during the winter. Spades is put on his trial. He seats himself on a three-legged stool before the

judge, remarking, 'If I ain't out o' this by dark, I'll sun somebody's moccasins, see if I don't.' An eye witness of the murder appears, but on the other hand a witness states that at the exact time named he was playing poker at two bits a corner with Spades in the Howlin' Wilderness. Hereupon the prisoner was acquitted. The court being now to its business omitted a few trifling observances, one of which was swearing the witnesses. But probably that would not have made any difference. The court adjourned after the acquittal, and practice at another bar proceeded with conspicuous success.

"Much power of imagination has been employed to excite sympathy for the Modocs, but their story, however pitiable, does not differ from that of many other tribes. If an affecting narrative could have availed anything, the *Last of the Mohicans* would have arrested a process of extinction which has now reached from the valley of the Hudson to that of Sacramento. We hope to return on another occasion to the distinctly Indian portion of this book. It is in substance a discourse on the text supplied by a Modoc chief, 'It is die if we go, and die if we stay. We will die where our fathers died.'"

The Delightful Place for the Ladies.

The following particulars occur in a letter from San Francisco:—A lady here is so thoroughly independent of her husband that she may not only embark in any business without his consent or knowledge, but she may actually, if she pleases, engage him as a servant, pay him his wages, and whilst still living with him as his wife, hold herself entirely free from any of his actions, debts, and liabilities. I have seen over and over again wife, husband, and children enter a cab, the wife leading the way. I have seen her coolly give the conductor cash or car tickets, as the case might require, order her husband to stop the car when necessary, get out first unaided, leaving the husband to extricate and follow with the children, and sail grandly away on the sidewalk in serene unconcern at any difficulty he might find in following. I have seldom seen a woman attending to her children in any public conveyance or street. But I have hundreds and hundreds of times seen men out with swarms of them, sometimes alone, sometimes preceded by a grand lady, who may be discovered accidentally belongs to the group by any change of position which brings them all together for the moment. Large families, by the way, are the rule in this State; heaps of people quite young themselves have quivers very full indeed. Young ladies do not pay any great respect to either mamma or papa; and it is not at all uncommon to see in the newspapers, where everything is reported which English people keep to themselves, that "Miss So-and-So gave a ball last night at the residence of her parents," &c., &c. The young lady is usually called the "fascinating hostess," and hereafter follow not only notices of the young ladies' costumes, but statements of what the reporter thought of their appearance, as thus: "Miss Ella Blank, a lively brunette, looked particularly charming in pink tarlatans, with natural flowers in her luxuriant and jetty ringlets; but the accomplished belle of the evening was the beautiful and accomplished Miss Dash, an exquisite blonde, who debated on this occasion, and whose sparkling sallies, not less than her unsurpassed personal appearance, secured her a crowd of admirers during the whole evening." Within this last week a woman debated, in the law courts, under the following circumstances:—"She stated that she kept a butchery,"—*anglice*, butcher's shop,—that the defendant had seized the stock and fixtures of the same for a debt of her husband's, whereby she had been prevented from serving certain boarding-houses with beef, and had sustained serious loss of custom, wherefore she prayed recompense and damages. Being cross-examined, she deposed that she employed her husband to manage her butchery for her, giving him his board for his services, and ten dollars a month for spending-money, but that the business was entirely her own, and that he had no part in it but that of a servant. She further stated that the meat in the shop at the time of the seizure was worth twenty-five dollars; that it was ordered for certain boarding-houses; that she would have made fifteen dollars by the sale, but had lost her profits and her customers too. The judge declared the law was entirely in her favour, and the opposing counsel agreed with him.—*News of the World.*

One George Morris Titmus, who calls himself an amateur, announces through the columns of the *Marlborough Express*, his willingness to "swim any man in the Colonies four miles, barring nothing, for £50."

At the conclusion of the match with the Victorian Eighteen, the "leviathan," responding to a toast of the health of himself and companions, said that the Victorians had not seen the correct form of the Englishmen. Their doings at Ballarat prove the truth of the assertion.

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A Chapter for Young Ladies.

SNYDER'S WASHERWOMAN.

She is aged, but has profited much by long years of experience, and close observation of human nature. I am, I verily believe, the only man she admits into her confidence. She respects me, she says, because I am punctual in my payments. She occasionally hints that I was not as candid as I should have been on the subject of buttons, which she in a weak moment consented to attend to without any additional charge. She had no idea that any man had such a down upon buttons as I had.

The last time she brought home my "things," I, as a matter of civil enquiry, asked her how business was, when she informed me it was quite impossible that it could be worse. Paper had been the ruin of her trade, and caused a blight to fall on the home of many a washerwoman. Gentlemen wore paper collars, and paper false fronts, and paper cuffs. Men of the present hour had nothing to wash, so to speak; they bought socks for sixpence a pair, which they wore till they wouldn't stand any more, wearing, and then they were thrown away for another sixpence worth of the same cheap and unendurable article. In her line of business she called this the age of paper. I attempted to console her by drawing her attention to the fact that the customers of her own sex at least didn't wear clothing composed of paper material, to which she made answer with three emphatic nods of her head, and said "Didn't they. If I thought they didn't, that was all I knew about it, which was something less than precious little. What the men do send you to be washed they generally paid for, and they don't grind you down to the last farthing; but here's a young lady comes on a Thursday morning and she says to you, 'Mrs Lather, I want you to call for my dress, which must be ready for Sunday;' and of course I call down, because I've got to keep my old man, who ain't kept himself for the last ten years; and there's the dress, with nine flounces, and two panniers, which has got more than half a day in it to wash as carefully as twenty-two yards of book muslin requires, then it's to dry, then it's to starch, then it's to iron. And when I say to the young lady, 'I can't bring this back on Saturday afternoon under one-and-sixpence, Miss, because there's such a lot of doing up in it,' she goes on as only women do before one another, and never before men, except their husbands, which of course being the case is of no consequence. She says that one-and-sixpence is outrageous, that one-and-three-pence would be an imposition; but that as it must be ready by Sunday, she will give me one-and-three-pence. And, of course, I have to take it, and there I am working away at those flounces, and panniers, and the body, until it gets so stiff with starch and flat irons that it would almost stand by itself."

Here my dear old laundry woman suddenly dropped the pathetic, and burst out into a fit of laughter. She apologised, but said she couldn't help it. "Because look here, Mr Snyder, when I am a-walking down Queen-street on the Sunday afternoon don't I see that young lady gallivanting with a young swell, who looks to be as proud of her as if she was a blood relation of Queen Victoria and the rest of the royal family, and he was shortly going to be related to her by marriage. Don't I feel an inclination to go up to him and say, 'that's a lovely and beautiful dress that lady in company with you's got on, and is fit almost for the angels to carry away to be cut into rainbows; but if you could only get hold of a good spirit-rapper and get him to give you a half-crown's worth of information as to what the young lady has got under the dress, it might, in the course of time, after your feelings towards her. Her dress is beautiful for a cheap material, so is her hat, and her boots ain't bad, but if the spirit-rapper would only inform you about the quality and whiteness of her stays, and the real value of her under-pare, you would come to find out that all she has got wouldn't reach a quarter of the value of the two locks of artificial hair she has fastened on to the back of her head!'"

"Look, here," Mr Snyder, I often hear people say how do these young ladies manage to get so much finery. Those as ask the question don't know like the likes of me. It's a painted sepulchre outside they are, and a dreadful lot of makeshifts underneath. Their mothers starve themselves upon boiled necks of mutton and no capers to keep them going in outside finery. There's a deal o' talk about woman's love and tenderness, and about man's hardness, which ain't a bit true. It's all the other way. Men have got hearts for the most part of them, but, bless you, the smallness of some women's hearts is reduced to the very lowest pitch, if you only knew it as I do. You see, Mr Snyder, I don't altogether live by washing and mending. Sometimes I go out to deaths and burials; and when one of these happens to be a man, the first thing as always enters the mind of his widow, is what sort of mourning will best suit her figure and complexion, and how many plates the coffin should have, and how the corpse can be made to look to the best advantage, like if it was a dead Duck or a Lord. And of course she cries a good deal, and takes on dreadfully; but she never cries half so much or takes on half so dreadfully as when people are about her, especially when they are grand people. But if it is a wife as has died, the man is quite different. He says to me very likely, 'Do what you think is right and proper, my good woman. Have everything decent.' And he goes about bewildered like, and smokes a great deal; but I believe that man thinks more about his wife in a kindly-hearted way than the wife would have thought about him, for she was always

awfully mean in the matter of the washing bill, and made him wear his shirts longer than she did her own things."

"Heaven save us, and you in particular, Mr Snyder, and it's thanking you I'll be for that three-and-ninety for a fortnight's washing, due and owing, as my old man used to say, when he was a bailiff as served summonses, and hoping that if you ever do, such a thing in your life as holy wedlock you will see that your wife don't want twenty-two yards of book muslin, with nine flounces and panniers, starched and ironed, and carried home for one-and-three-pence, and call day after to-morrow for the money."—"Snyder," in the *Auckland Herald*.

MISCELLANEA.

A funny little misunderstanding, which elicited an expression of extreme *bonhomie* on the part of his Excellency the Governor, occurred on board the steamer *Golden Age* on Saturday. The steamer (says the *Daily Times*) had been engaged to convey the Governor and those who were with him, including the hon. the Premier and Mrs Vogel, and his Honor the Superintendent, on board the *Mikado*, and the *Ostom House* boat was ordered to attend the steamer to take the party from one vessel to the other. Now the name of one of the crew of the *Golden Age* happened to be James Fergusson, and when the *Custom House* boat ranged alongside, the coxswain sung out, "Hi, Jimmy Fergusson, catch hold of this painter." Much to the confusion of the coxswain, the response to his call came from an unexpected quarter; the Governor heard the cry coupled with his own familiar cognomen, and casting ceremony to the winds rushed to the steamer and seized the proffered rope, and then recovering himself without an effort, he quietly handed it to his abashed namesake, who stood at his elbow.

Reliable authority states that a band of the Jeremy-Diddler persuasion are making a tour through New Zealand, and that many persons residing in those provinces already visited by these not rare specimens of humanity have not only been much deceived by their fashionable appearance, but have also sustained great pecuniary loss. The fashionable few have not yet been run to earth, but the prayers of their victims are that they will soon be doing penance in the Dunedin Gaol. A favourite, because frequently successful, practice of these much-wanted individuals is to present themselves at an hotel bar; drinks are called for; one of the party holds rolled up in one hand a £5 note, and in the other one of only one-fifth the amount. The £5 note is usually thrown down in payment. Of course, the person serving the drinks examines the note, and directly he has ascertained that it is genuine, a confederate of the man who "shorts" suggests that to save the trouble of changing he should be allowed to make payment in silver. The "treater" assents, and picks up his note. Simultaneously, however, his companion discovers that he has got no silver. The other then throws on the counter what purports to be the same note rolled up, but what is in reality a £1 note only; and in many instances this trick has been practised successfully, the dupers obtaining change to the amount of £4 19s. Should, however, the retailer of liquors attempt to examine the £1 note, the individual who has presented it blandly remarks that he has made a slight mistake, and apologises politely.

On Tuesday morning last (says the *Wakaipo Mail*), a man named Torr, employed at the Naeget Reef, was drowned in the Shotover River, under the following circumstances:—On the Saturday previous he left the reef for Queenstown, and returned on the day of the accident at about 12 o'clock, when he was observed by one of the men working at the reef attempting to cross the river on the iron pipes which convey the water to the crushing machinery, and which are about 30ft. above the ordinary river level. When about half-way across, the unfortunate man was seen to lose his balance and fall into the river, which was high at the time. This is the third fatal accident which has occurred on the Shotover within as many weeks, all of which have occurred through carelessness. In the case under notice, the man Torr was crossing the pipes in disobedience of a written notice posted that the pipes were not to be crossed, and inflicting a penalty for so doing. The recklessness of such conduct as led to the death of deceased is aggravated by the fact that only a few yards above the pipes is a "chair" erected for the purpose of crossing the river.

There is a story of a gentleman, over seven feet high, a talented member of the bar, and a modest, good natured citizen, who we think is almost unexcelled for his quiet, delicious humour. He was one night sitting in the stall of a theatre. When the curtain rose, and the actors advanced to their position, a cry of "Down in the front!" became general throughout the audience. Their attention was directed towards the tall B—, who, feeling himself the object of remark, thought he was required to settle a little. Looking as if he would like to settle a high the floor, he proceeded to raise himself to a standing position, in such a manner, however, as to convey an impression that there was no end to him. At last he did get straight out to his full length, when, slowly glancing round at the astonished audience, he very deliberately remarked, "Gentlemen, to satisfy you I was sitting down, I will now stand up!" A burst of laughter and applause succeeded, the audience and actors became convulsed, the curtain descended rapidly, the manager, with bowing face, came forward, and, amidst the wildest applause, conducted the gentleman to a private box. "How is that for high?"

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